

## Project Fact Sheet



### Poverty Oriented Infrastructure through Employment Generation Programme (KfW Phases I – VII)

#### THEMATIC AREA

Local Service Delivery

#### SECTOR / SUB SECTOR

Poverty Reduction - Employment Generation

Infrastructure (Multiple Sectors)

#### PROJECT DETAILS

Programme Duration:	2002 – 2012
Donor	Government of Germany through the German Development Bank - KfW
Partner(s)	MLG, Local Authorities, NGO's, Camp Committees, Specific Palestinian line Ministries and Institutions

#### BUDGET

Total Budget	€79,919,315
Disbursement up to date	80% of funds allocated have been disbursed through KfW VII

#### Geographic Location

West Bank and Gaza

456 Projects Implemented in the West Bank including 61 projects in Phase VII

152 Projects implemented in the Gaza Strip including 6 in Phase VII

**Est. Total Number of Working Days Generated**

**850,000 workdays**

#### **PROJECT AIM (OVERALL OBJECTIVE)**

The overall objective of the programme is to construct priority small-scale infrastructure in poverty-stricken Palestinian communities through the utilization of labor-intensive means.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This grassroots programme is the first of its kind in the Palestinian Authority, in that it targets priority social and economic infrastructure needs of Palestinian communities directly, while simultaneously creating short and long-term employment generation opportunities.

Since 2002, the Government of Germany through the German Development Bank, KfW, and its implementing partner UNDP/PAPP, has strived to meet the development needs of the neediest Palestinians. To date, over 608 projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip representing various sectors have been funded through VII phases of the employment generation programme.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Reduce Poverty
- Generate short term and permanent employment opportunities
- Improve access to basic service delivery in impoverished Palestinian communities through the provision of social and economic Infrastructure.
- Enhance the ability of the local service provider to implement programs and activities for their community.

#### **PROGRESS UP TO DATE**

- All 54 individual projects under KfW I have been completed.
- All 24 individual projects under the KfW II have been completed.
- All 21 individual projects under the KfW Rehabilitation of Homes in the Old City of Hebron have been completed.
- All 11 individual projects under the KfW III Jerusalem Water Undertaking component have been completed.
- Of the 160 individual projects under the KfW III Small Scale Infrastructure Programme in the West Bank, 157 have been completed. Two projects are pending permits and/or licenses.
- All 73 individual projects under the KfW IV projects funded in the Gaza Strip have been completed.
- Of the 126 individual projects under the KfW V Small Scale Infrastructure Programme in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, 94 projects have been completed. The Gaza wastewater treatment plant is also completed and that of Jenin is ongoing.



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- Out of the 72 individual projects which have been selected under the KfW VI programme, including 6 contingency in the West Bank, 61 projects are completed and the remaining are ongoing. All projects pre-selected in Gaza are on hold due to prevailing circumstances.
- KfW has allocated for Phase VII an additional €8 million. UNDP/PAPP has selected 61 projects out of which 60 are approved and advertised. Currently Agreements are being signed with beneficiaries both in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Over 20 projects have been tendered.

#### CONSTRAINTS (if any)

- Projects in Gaza on hold due to inability to import construction materials into the territory.
- The license for Al-Jiftlek water project (EGP III) in Jericho is still pending license.
- Difficult to work in Area C, which have some of the poorest communities, due to delays in safeguarding necessary building licenses from Israeli authorities.

#### **RESULTS**

- Over 91 % of the projects through Phase VI have been completed.
- Approximately 315 locations have benefited as a result of the programme in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Another 58 will be added through KfW VII thus totaling 373, which is 70% of all communities.
- 197 community service buildings have or are in the process of being constructed. These centers include facilities for local authorities, as well as service providers such as clinics, youth centers, women's associations, kindergartens, libraries, and computer labs.
- Movements of goods and people have been enhanced through the construction of 148 road projects encompassing over 109 kilometers of roads.
- Access to safe and reliable drinking water has been enhanced through the installation of thousands of meters of water lines and hundreds of house connections, as well as construction of numerous water reservoirs of various sizes.
- Hundreds of classrooms including support facilities like labs, libraries and halls have been constructed in 51 schools and other educational institutions. Another 19 schools will benefit through the seventh phase, thus alleviating overcrowding in classrooms and reducing double shifts, while at the same time enhancing quality education.
- A number of vocational training centers have been constructed in the West Bank & Gaza Strip, that have enhanced the skills of men, women, and the disabled in various skills and vocations, thus increasing their employment opportunities. Another facility will be constructed in KfW VII.
- Children and youth have safer places to play and develop their athletic, cultural, and social skills.
- Approximately 800,000 short term workdays have been generated as well as hundreds of permanent jobs have been created.
- The independent consultant referred to UNDP's practices in the Employment Generation Programme as a pioneer approach to create jobs and alleviate poverty.
- UNDP will work with ILO to enhance programs being taught to the local community.
- UNDP will also work with the Ministry of Youth and Sports to improve the service delivery & capacity of youth clubs constructed through this programme.

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